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ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYU ISLANDS

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Communicable Diseases

1. No new cases of Japanese B encephalitis were reported in the Ryukyus in November and December.

Malaria and influenza cases declined 33 and 29 percent respectively in November on Okinawa-gunto, as shown in the charts on the following two pages.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

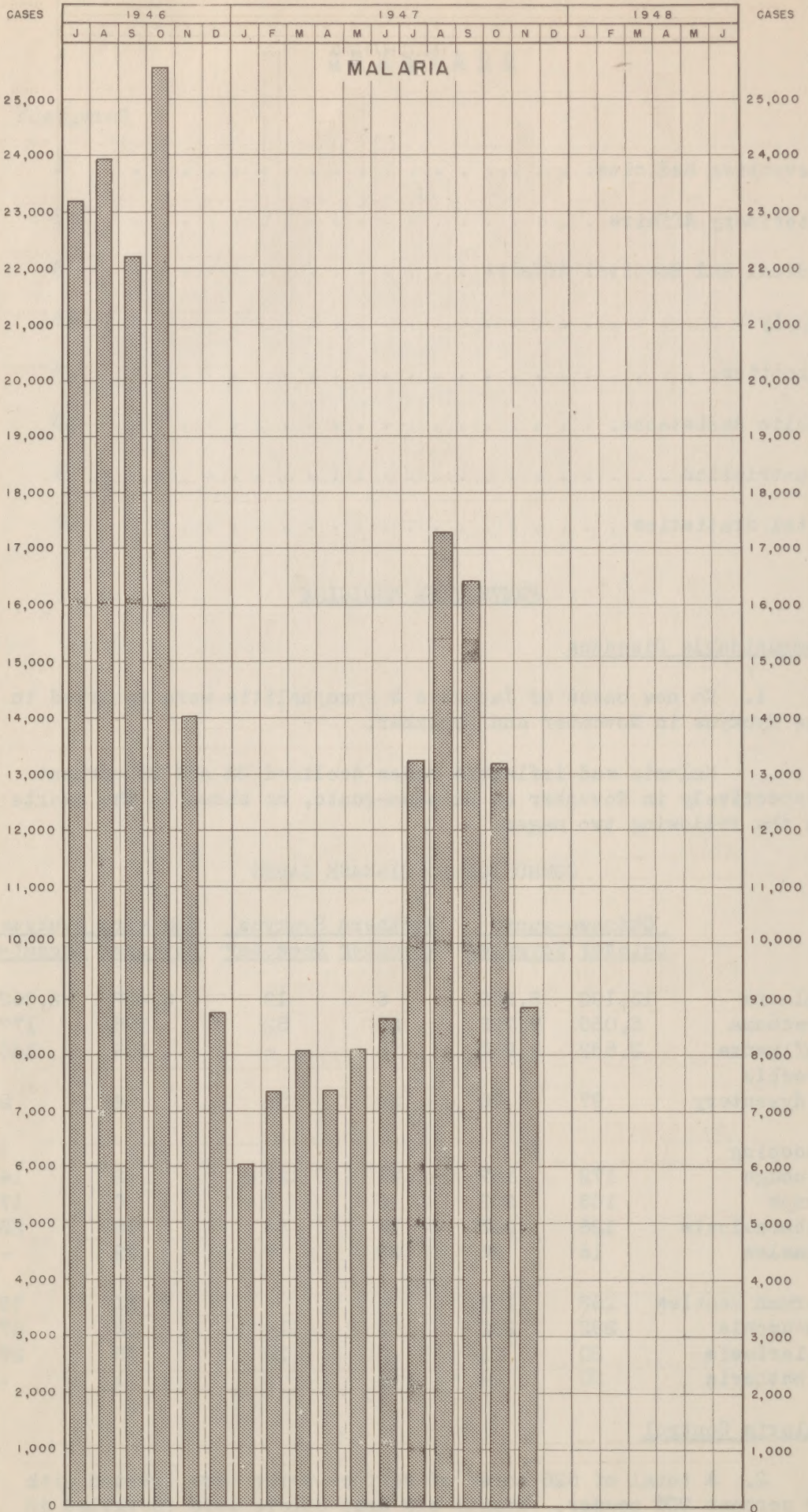
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	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Malaria	13,192	8,852	6	19	3,457	2,862
Trachoma	5,055	7,728	28	52	175	177
Influenza	2,682	1,903	0	-	109	146
Amoebic dysentery	97	70	34	54	4	2
Whooping cough	172	167	31	121	2	14
Kumps	163	252	0	0	6	17
Tuberculosis	126	213	15	43	18	33
Measles	16	26	32	7	29	-
German measles	163	101	-	-	21	18
Pneumonia	292	292	0	14	5	67
Filariasis	20	21	0	23	36	29
Diphtheria	20	24	4	5	1	-

Malaria Control

2. A total of 526 acres of surface water were treated with 10 percent DDT powder. Eighty-six drip oilers were installed in November as part of the mosquito control program.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · NEW CASES MONTHLY SINCE JULY 1946



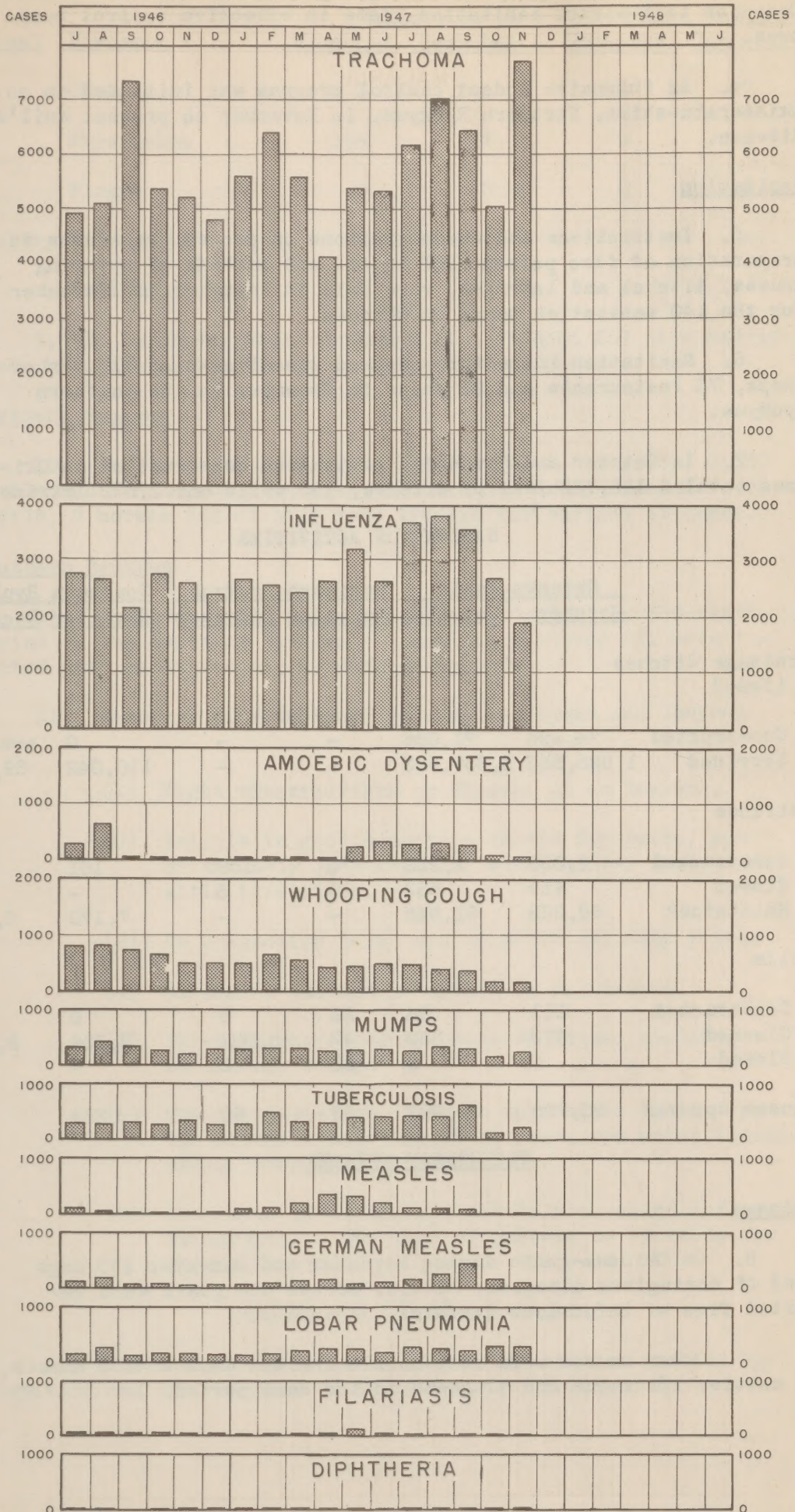
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Rodent Control

3. A special rodent control group was formed on Okinawa in December to instruct sanitation teams in effective control measures.

4. An intensive rodent control program was initiated on Okinoerabu-shima, Northern Ryukyus, in November to prevent Weil's disease.

Sanitation

5. Instructions and demonstrations on proper procedures in preparation of five percent DDT in oil and methods of spraying houses, ditches and latrines, were held in November and December for the 140 sanitation teams on Okinawa.

6. Sanitation inspectors checked cleanliness of 117 barber shops, 76 restaurants and 21 ships in December in the Southern Ryukyus.

7. In October and November, sanitation construction on Okinawa totaled 145,782 feet of ditches, 195 wells and 3,572 latrines.

SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Drainage ditches (feet)						
Constructed	74,496	71,286	-	-	0	128
Serviced	1,525,563	1,837,683	-	-	110,042	89,203
Latrines						
Constructed	2,350	1,222	70	159	101	46
Closed	418	553	0	5	-	-
Maintained	68,282	61,945	-	-	7,170	8,347
Wells						
Constructed	111	84	22	8	0	0
Cleaned	873	832	47	8,021	2,304	2,005
Closed	0	2	12	3	-	-
Houses sprayed	80,798	9,282	33	95	284	-

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

Okinawa

8. On Okinawa-gunto during November and December 190 hogs died of contagious diseases; cattle, horses and goats were reported free of infectious diseases.

Other causes were responsible for the deaths of 5 horses, 14 cattle, 131 swine and 17 goats in the same period.

ANIMAL DISEASES

Okinawa-gunto

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Infected</u>		<u>Died</u>	
		<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Swine	Cholera	120	100	25	27
	Erysipelas	165	117	72	63
	Plague	0	3	0	3
Poultry	Diphtheria	30	-	30	-
	Pullorum	5	-	5	-

9. No carcasses were condemned of the total 267 pigs and 10 goats slaughtered for the two-month period on Okinawa.

Northern Ryukyus

10. In the Northern Ryukyus 6,805 pigs, 3,000 goats, 2,650 cattle and 958 horses were examined in November and December; 86 cattle, 9 horses and 21 hogs were treated for various ailments.

Southern Ryukyus

11. There were 801 swine slaughtered during the two-month period in the Southern Ryukyus. Examination showed 231 were infected with parasites and 63 were condemned.

12. A survey of veterinary affairs on Miyako and Yaeyama shows:

- (1) Eight veterinarians on Miyako, 13 on Yaeyama.
- (2) Animals in good condition except for swine, approximately 10 percent of which suffer from parasitic infections.
- (3) No epizootics have been reported for many years.
- (4) An animal quarantine system is maintained.
- (5) There is one slaughterhouse on Miyako handling 15 animals daily.
- (6) The two livestock farms on Miyako are small, cattle stocks consisting of 14 cows, two water buffalo and a young Hereford bull.
- (7) New sires of horses and cattle are needed for stock replacement. The type of pasture is suitable for Hereford cattle.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

13. There was a decrease in number of patients treated by hospitals and dispensaries on Okinawa-gunto in November.

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
In-patients	639	425	27	45	61	80
Out-patients	80,086	64,449	3,478	2,082	6,643	4,246
Bed capacity	1,495	1,495	30	30	114	128

14. A total of 18,495 persons were treated by private physicians during December in the Northern Ryukyus.

15. A plan to give Okinawan nurses practical experience in modern techniques was initiated in December. Every six weeks six nurses are assigned to a military hospital for this purpose.

16. Leprosariums report two new patients on Miyako, one on Okinawa and the death of one inmate in the Northern Ryukyus for the two-month period ending 31 December.

17. The Miyako Charity Hospital treated 1,539 persons during December.

SUPPLY

Sanitation Supply

18. Expenditure of insecticides declined in November with the advent of cooler weather.

INSECTICIDE EXPENDED ON OKINAWA-GUNTO

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Penite	gallon	233	92
DDT in oil	gallon	38,528	1,063
10 percent DDT powder	pound	1,605	165

19. Sanitation supplies shipped to the Southern Ryukyus in November totaled 800 pounds each of DDT powder and 10 percent DDT powder and 2,000 gallons of contaminated diesel oil.

20. The following supplies were delivered on Okinawa-gunto in December: 4,480 pounds DDT powder, 5,575 pounds 10 percent DDT powder, 12,595 gallons of diesel oil and 28 hand dusters.

Medical Supply

21. Miscellaneous medical supplies received totaled 62,987 pounds.

22. During November and December 90,522 pounds of medical supplies were distributed in the Ryukyus exclusive of alcohol and narcotics, a 30-percent decrease from the previous two-month period.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED
(pounds)

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Surgical dressings	13,420	420	2,915	54	2,915	-
Medical supplies	16,404	11,540	14,977	137	14,977	-
Equipment	700	11,510	150	253	150	-

NARCOTICS

23. On 13 November a conference to discuss regulations and procedures for handling alcohol and narcotics was held with all pharmacists on Okinawa in attendance.

24. The following narcotics were issued for civilian use in the Ryukyus during November and December:

NARCOTICS ISSUED IN RYUKYUS
November-December

	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Acid, acetylsalicylic compound with codeine	1000 tablets	bottle	102
Codeine sulfate	1/2 grain tablet	bottle	28
Codeine sulfate powder	1/8 ounce	bottle	152
Cocaine hydrochloride	1/4 ounce	bottle	24
Cocaine hydrochloride	1/6 grain, 20 hypo tablets	tube	10
Ethylmorphine hydrochloride	1/8 ounce	bottle	34
Morphine sulfate	1/8 grain, 20 hypo tablets	tube	250
Morphine sulfate and atropine sulfate	1/4 grain, 1/50 grain 20 tablets	tube	200
Morphine sulfate	1/2 grain 20 hypo tablets	vial	5
Morphine tartrate	1/2 grain syrette	each	2,165
Opium powder	2 ounces	bottle	12
Ipecac and opium	100 tablets	bottle	17
Ipecac and opium	500 tablets	bottle	1
Tincture opium	4 ounces	bottle	112
Tincture opium camphorated (paregoric)	1 pint	bottle	3
Glycyrrhiza and opium	1000 tablets	bottle	25
Pantopon	1/3 grain 20 hypo tablets	tube	5

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

25. LARA shipments since 31 October arrived in the following quantities:

- (1) Four metric tons of clothing in November.
- (2) Five hundred sixty-three pounds of clothing for Okinawa in December.
- (3) Over 24 tons of supplies for Okinawa schools consisting of 39,600 pounds of paper, 2,690 pounds of pencils and 6,000 pounds of chalk.
- (4) Two December shipments of supplies for the Northern Ryukyus totaling 34 bales of clothing, 12 boxes of shoes, 20 cases of canned milk, 2 cases of soap and 2 boxes of smoking tobacco.

Okinawa-gunto

26. Relief cases on Okinawa-gunto show a small consistent monthly decrease from September through December.

RELIEF CASES

Okinawa

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Under 15	18,299	18,090
Over 61	4,109	4,087
Pregnant women	57	42
Invalids	1,162	1,120
Deformed persons	699	684
Women with children	<u>1,238</u>	<u>1,228</u>
Total	25,564	25,251

Northern Ryukyus

27. Inmates of the two poorhouses in Naze, Amami-o-shima, numbered 28 on 31 December, three more than were reported 30 November.

Southern Ryukyus

28. Monetary aid to 482 persons on Miyako-retto relief rolls totaled ¥ 19,950 in November.

MIYAKO RELIEF DISTRIBUTION

<u>District</u>	<u>Orphans</u>	<u>Aged</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Amount Distributed</u>
Gusukube	4	6	96	1	4,330
Hirara	6	13	144	3	6,780
Irabu	3	7	67	1	3,240
Shimoji	3	7	37	1	3,960
Tarama	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,590</u>
Total	21	37	418	6	19,950

29. Miyako contributed 503 pounds of food and ¥ 20,220 to the needy in December.

On Yaeyama, 10 orphans, three aged and 666 poor persons were given 2,684 pounds of food and ¥ 1,757 in November while in December they received 679 pounds of food and ¥ 2,384.

Resettlement

30. Land released to Okinawans for resettlement and cultivation purposes was distributed as follows:

- (1) In November 528.4 acres were restored to four communities for resettlement and 582.6 acres went to two communities for cultivation.
- (2) In December seven communities received 722.8 acres for resettlement and one received 103.3 acres for cultivation.

REPATRIATION

31. Ryukyuan repatriates numbered 3,378 while 107 persons were evacuated to Japan in the period from 31 October to 1 January.

VITAL STATISTICS

32. Deaths continued to decrease on Okinawa-gunto.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Births	1,514	1,381	586	680	386	287
Deaths	380	314	203	261	120	139
Marriages	496	604	214	244	105	88
Divorces	95	64	24	37	13	8

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